

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE AUTOMATIC DISCOVERY OF THE**  
5 **RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN APPLICATIONS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED**  
**DATA AND CONFIGURATION FILES**

10 A method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for tracking  
relationships between programs and data in a data processing system. A file access  
request is received from a program, wherein the request is received at an operating system  
level. An association is stored between the file and the program.